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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA

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1. PRESIDENT MACHEL, FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO AND
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PANGUENE HAVE NOW ALL BEEN
BRIEFED ON APRIL 7 FIVE-POWER DEMARCHE TO SAG ON
NAMIBIA (MAPUTO 446 AND 447). UK CHARGE DE CHASSIRON
ALSO MANAGED TO SEE CHISSANO PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE WITH
MACHEL FOR SCANDINAVIA TO INFORM HIM OF UPCOMING TALKS
BEGINNING APRIL 27 WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN CAPE TOWN.

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CHISSANO PROMISED CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO MACHEL.
HE ALSO SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN BEING KEPT INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF
THE TALKS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

2. COMMENT: THE FIVE-POWER DEMARCHE TO VORSTER
ON NAMIBIA SEEMED TO COME AS NEWS TO MACHEL, CHISSANO

AND PANGUENE. WHILE THEY PROBABLY ARE SKEPTICAL THAT ANYTHING USEFUL WILL RESULT FROM THE DEMARCHE THE FACT THAT IT WAS MADE, THAT WE TOLD VORSTER THATN THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE TURN-HALLE CONFERENCE WAS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM, AND THAT WE WERE SEEKING A SOLUTION BASED ON CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN SC RESOLUTION 385 SEEMED TO IMPRESS THEM AND SHOULD SERVE US WELL HERE. NEITHER MACHEL, CHISSANO, PANGUENE, HOWEVER, COMMENTED ON THE DEMARCHE, NOR DID THEY REACT WHEN I SAID THAT WE HOPED TO HAVE THEIR COOPERATION AND THAT OF THE OTHER FRONT-LINE STATES IN OUR EFFORT TO IMPRESS UPON SOUTH AFRICA THE NEED TO FIND AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM
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